

Activities beyond Hiking and Auto-Touring

Activity	Description/Where to Go	Where to Rent From
Biking	<p>Besides hiking, biking is one of the most beloved activities on Mount Desert Island. Much of that has to do with the Carriage Trails. John D. Rockefeller created 57 miles of these carless crushed stone roads so that he could ride his horse drawn carriage without having to worry about other automobiles. The roads are fantastic for bike riding, hiking, or even horseback riding. The Carriage Roads are throughout the park, but some of the more popular spots to start are at the north side of Eagle Lake, Jordan Pond, and Hulls Cove Visitor Center. The easiest way to access them from the hotel is via Duck Brook Road off of West Street Extension.</p> <p>-Other popular biking areas include the Park Loop Road, Summit Road to Cadillac Mountain (for the strong and experienced cyclists), and Route 3 (be cautious of narrow roads).</p>	<p>There are several bike rentals companies in Bar Harbor but the largest and oldest is: <i>Bar Harbor Bicycle Company</i>, 141 Cottage Street, 207-288-3886, barharborbike.com</p> <p>Other bike rentals companies include: -<i>Acadia Bike Rentals</i>, 48 Cottage Street, 207-288-9605, acadiabike.com -<i>Acadia Outfitters</i>, 106 Cottage Street, 207-288-8118, acadiaoutfitters.com</p>
Kayaking	<p>Kayaking along Acadia's rocky coast or in a serene lake is an excellent way to experience Mount Desert Island. There are public boat launches throughout the Island into the ocean or lakes, but we suggest hiring a tour guide.</p>	<p>There are many Kayaking rentals on the Island, but we'll focus on the ones in Bar Harbor -<i>Coastal Kayaking Tours</i>, 48 Cottage Street, 207-288-9605, acadiafun.com -<i>National Park Sea Kayak</i>, 39 Cottage Street, 1-800-347-0940, acadiakayak.com -<i>Acadia Outfitters</i>, 106 Cottage Street, 207-288-8118, acadiaoutfitters.com</p>
Boat Tours	<p>Boat tours are one of the best ways to see Acadia and Mount Desert Island. They are great all times of the day and year. We recommend to make your reservations for boat tours prior to arrival as some will sell out in July, August, and September. Whale Watching is good between mid-April to October. Most boat tours are located by the Bar Harbor Town Pier. Some tours offer parking, but many do not. We suggest walking to the tour or taking the Island Explorer to avoid parking issues. If you get seasick or motion sickness, you may want to avoid boat tours.</p>	<p>There are a wide variety of boat tours, but the company with the widest selection and the only one to offer whale watching is: -<i>Bar Harbor Whale Watch Co.</i>, 1 West Street, 207-288-2386, barharborwhales.com</p> <p>Other boat tour companies include: -<i>Acadian Boat Tours</i>, 119 Eden Street, 207-801-2300, acadianboattours.com -<i>Lulu Lobster Boat Ride</i>, 55 West Street, 207-963-2341, lululobsterboat.com -<i>Downeast Windjammer Cruises</i>, 1 Newport Drive, 207-288-4585, downeastwindjammer.com</p>
Rock Climbing	<p>If you're an adventure seeker, Acadia National Park provides some of the best rock climbing in the Northeast! We highly suggest all rock climbing activities be with a guide.</p>	<p>There are 2 major rock climbing schools in Bar Harbor and both are excellent. -<i>Acadia Mountain Guides Climbing School</i>, 228 Main Street, 207-288-8186, acadiamountainguides.com -<i>Atlantic Climbing School</i>, 67 Main Street, 207-288-2521, climbacadia.com</p>
Bus Tours	<p>Bus tours are a great way to experience Mount Desert Island. You get interesting info from the driver and you don't need to worry about driving, directions, or parking.</p>	<p>There are only a few options in Bar Harbor for bus tours. -<i>Island Explorer</i>, various locations, 207-288-4573, exploreacadia.com Island Explorer is a free shuttle bus that travels around the whole island and the national park. This is an excellent way to get around the Island. Narration is not included, but some drivers are chattier than others and you can ask them questions. -<i>Oli's Trolley</i>, 1 West Street, 207-667-5796, olistrolley.com This is the most famous and most popular bus tour on the Island. They have many different types of tours, so you're sure to find one that fits what you're looking for. -<i>Acadia National Park Tours</i>, 207-288-0300, acadiatours.com This company has been offering tours since 1955. They offer two tours that are basically the same tour, just one being longer with a smaller group. This is a good bus tour to take to experience Acadia quickly.</p>